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INTERAGENCY CLANDESTINE COLLECTION  
PRIORITIES COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting D/DCI/IC

SUBJECT : IPC Accomplishments Relevant to DCI's  
Annual Report to the President's Foreign  
Intelligence Advisory Board

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 28 August 1973,  
subject: "DCI Annual Report to the  
President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory  
Board (PFIAB)"

The Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (IPC) functions by means of the day-to-day dialogue and liaison between Members and the Secretariat in formulation of the IPC List. Formal Committee meetings are required only to set policy guidelines or to deal with matters which cannot be resolved in the almost constant liaison and communication with and through the Secretariat.

During the past year the Committee continued vigorous efforts begun almost two years ago to increase the usefulness of the IPC List as an instrument by which the intelligence community defines those essential information needs of the U.S. Government requiring clandestine collection by CIA. Initial effort was directed toward establishing and maintaining a systematic basis for Committee review and revision of each of the present 146 sections -- covering individual countries, regions, and subjects of world-wide interests -- to ensure availability of the most current guidance possible. Through full cooperation of Committee Members with the Secretariat, the initial goal for revision of all sections at least every 12 months has been met and we are now in the process of moving into a second phase establishing a shorter time frame

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for review and revision. This will ensure Committee examination of each section every nine months or more frequently when events dictate.

While giving considerable attention to the problem of currency of guidance, the Committee has continued efforts to apply the special criteria of essentiality and clandestinity to requirements formulated and incorporated in the List. Good progress was made in this area, but definition, with surgical precision, of those essential information needs which can be obtained only by clandestine means is extremely difficult and there is still room for further refinement.

Considerable Committee attention was focused during the year on requirements relating to the major new concerns of narcotics and terrorist activities world-wide and economics, chiefly concerning

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the major continuing concerns of the Soviet Union, the PRC and Southeast Asia. In addition specific matters receiving more than routine Committee attention included: review and revision of pertinent Soviet sections to ensure coverage of gaps identified in the Post Mortem on NIE-11-12-72 "Soviet Military Research and Development"; development of a new section on Soviet decision making in military research and development, also prompted by the Post Mortem on NIE-11-12-72; revision of the [redacted] section

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[redacted] review of DoD priority information needs, contained in a letter from the Director of DIA to the DCI, confirmed that most were already covered and indicated the need for only minor revisions.

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Although Treasury became a member of the IPC during the previous reporting period, it was not until early this year that they began full and active participation in the work of the Committee.

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